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In its 2013 [Atlantic hurricane season outlook](#) issued today, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center is forecasting an active or extremely active season this year.

For the six-month hurricane season, which begins June 1, NOAA's Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook says there is a 70 percent likelihood of 13-20 named storms, of which 7-11 could become hurricanes, including 3-6 major hurricanes. These ranges are well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes. [Read more.](#)